

REMARKS

Applicants are in receipt of a first Office Action regarding the matter captioned above. Four claims (that is, Claims 1-4) were pending at the time the action was taken. Claims 1-4 were objected to because of a number of similar informalities. Specifically, the examiner pointed out instances where the expression "the said" or "these said" should be changed to --said--. The examiner indicated, however, that Claims 1-4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the informalities. By this AMENDMENT, such action has been taken.

The specification was objected to by the examiner. The bases for the examiner's objections were that the application did not contain an ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE and that the specification did not conform to certain guidelines. Guidelines were suggested by the examiner for adoption. The suggestions made by the examiner have been adopted in this paper, and an ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE, enclosed herewith, has been added.

The examiner indicated that the application was in condition for allowance except for certain formal matters discussed hereinbefore. Consequently, prosecution on the merits was closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

In view of the action taken by this AMENDMENT and these remarks, it is sincerely believed that this application is now in condition for formal allowance. The taking of such action by the examiner is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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